



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Mr. Bradley Mattarocci
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NVS-215KS
14C-002

Subject: Buckle may be difficult to unlatch

Dear Mr. Mattarocci:

This letter serves to acknowledge Baby Trend, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

BABY TREND/TRENDZ FASTBACK/9999

Mfr's Report Date: March 26, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14C-002

Components:

CHILD SEAT:HARNESS BUCKLE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 16,655

Problem Description:

Baby Trend, Inc. (Baby Trend) is recalling certain model year 2011 and 2012 TrendZ Fastback 3-in-1 child restraints, models FB60070 (Granite) and FB60408 (Jellybean), manufactured between October 2011 and July 2013. The defect involves difficulty in unlatching the harness buckle. In some cases, the buckle becomes stuck in a latched condition so that it cannot be opened by depressing the buckle's release button.

Consequence:

It may be difficult to remove the child from the restraint, increasing the risk of injury in the event of an emergency in which a prompt exit from the vehicle is required.

Remedy:

Baby Trend will notify registered owners and will provide replacement buckles when they become available. The manufacturer has not yet provided the agency with a notification schedule or buckle availability schedule. Owners may contact Baby Trend at 1-800-328-7363 or visit their website at www.babytrend.com.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.



Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Please provide an estimated percentage of equipment that is defective.

As required in Part 573.6(c)(6), please provide a chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect relates to the affected child restraints. Include a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information, with their dates of receipt. Please provide this information as soon as possible.

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is expected owners will be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles. You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers.

Please provide an update as to when the replacement buckles will be available, as soon as it has been determined.

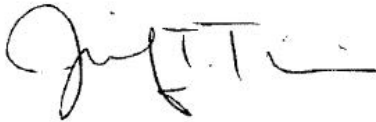
Baby Trend must submit a sample of the envelope in which you intend to mail the recall notice to owners. The words "SAFETY," "RECALL," and "NOTICE," in any order, must be printed on the envelope in all capital letters, in a type larger than that used in the address section, and in a manner distinguishable from the other type in a manner other than size (for example, in a different font or color). The envelope must also include a DOT/NHTSA label which can be found at: http://www.safercar.gov/Vehicle+Manufacturers/New_Recall_Label.

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement